

**CLAIM AMENDMENTS**

Please amend the claims as follows (with strikethrough indicating deletions and underlining indicating additions to the amended claims):

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1. (Cancelled)

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7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) A safe container, comprising:  
a semi-permeable container having a polymeric external surface; and  
a metallic layer bonded, without adhesive, to the external surface by heating the metallic layer to a temperature where an adjacent portion of the external surface is melted so that the metallic layer is thereby fused to the external surface upon cooling below the temperature, wherein the metallic layer is adapted for preventing at least one of an ink and an adhesive in communication with an exterior surface of the metallic layer from migrating into the semi-permeable container and thereby aiding the prevention of contamination of items contained in the semi-permeable container from contamination from the at least one of the ink and the adhesive.

9. (Original) The safe container of claim 8, further comprising a printed layer coupled onto the metallic layer.

10. (Original) The safe container of claim 8, wherein the metallic layer includes metallized polyester.

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21. (Cancelled)

22. (Withdrawn) A method comprising:

obtaining a semi-permeable container having an external surface and having a metallic layer bonded directly, without adhesive, to the external surface by heating the metallic layer to a

temperature where an adjacent portion of the external surface is melted so that the metallic layer is thereby fused to the external surface upon cooling below the temperature; and  
coupling a printed layer to the metallic layer.

23. (Withdrawn) The safe container of claim 8, wherein the semi-permeable container includes an pharmaceutical bottle.

24. (Withdrawn) The safe container of claim 8, wherein the semi-permeable container includes an IV bag.

25. (Withdrawn) The safe container of claim 8, wherein the semi-permeable container includes a plastic-wrapped food package.

26. (Previously Presented) The safe container of claim 8, wherein the temperature at which the metallic layer is heated is between about 80 degrees Fahrenheit and about 150 degrees Fahrenheit.

27. (Previously Presented) The safe container of claim 8, wherein the temperature at which the metallic layer is heated is about 105 degrees Fahrenheit.

28. (Previously Presented) The safe container of claim 8, wherein the cooling below the temperature is achieved by dipping the semi-permeable container and metallic layer in a liquid.

29. (Withdrawn) A method for forming a safe container, comprising:  
applying a bonding agent between a printed layer and a metallic layer;  
positioning the metallic layer against an external surface of a semi-permeable container so that an outer face of the printed layer faces away from the external surface of the semi-permeable container; and  
applying heat of a temperature sufficient to melt the bonding agent and a portion of the external surface of the semi-permeable container adjacent the metallic layer to thereby couple the

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printer layer and the metallic layer with the bonding agent and fuse the metallic layer to the adjacent portion of the external surface upon cooling below the temperature.

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**DRAWING AMENDMENTS**

Attached to this Response are two replacement sheets of drawings that include changes to Figures 6 and 7. The first sheet includes only replacement Figure 6 and the second sheet includes only replacement Figure 7. These two replacement sheets of drawings replace versions of these sheets submitted on February 14, 2003.